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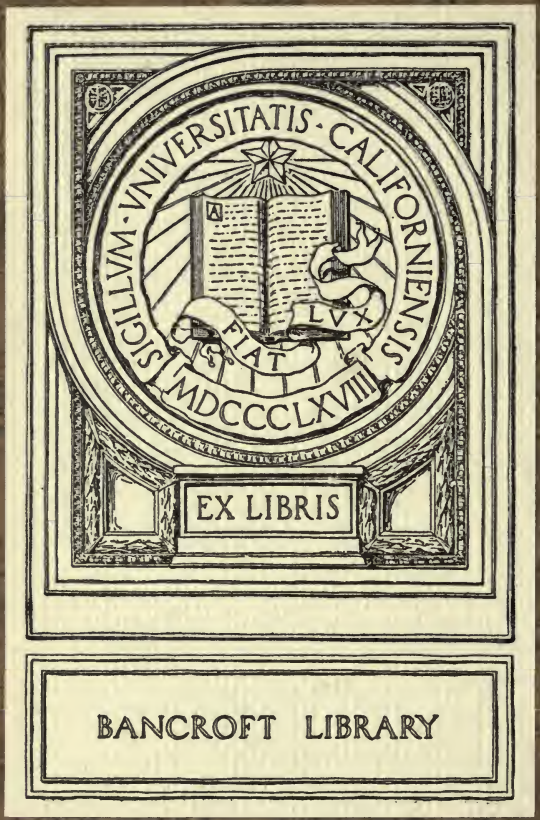

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ADVANCEMENT OF THE CAUSE OF GENERAL PEACE—WITH NICARAGUA.

MESSAGE

FROM THE

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,

TRANSMITTING

A TREATY BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND NICARAGUA LOOKING TO THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CAUSE OF GENERAL PEACE, SIGNED AT WASHINGTON DECEMBER 17, 1913.

JULY 24, 1914.—Message read; convention read the first time and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations, and, together with the message, ordered to be printed in confidence for the use of the Senate.

To the Senate:

I transmit herewith, with a view to receiving the advice and consent of the Senate to its ratification, a treaty between the United States and Nicaragua looking to the advancement of the cause of general peace, signed at Washington on December 17, 1913.

WOODROW WILSON.

THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, July 24, 1914.

The PRESIDENT:

The undersigned, the Secretary of State, has the honor to lay before the President, to the end that, should his judgment approve thereof, it be transmitted to the Senate with a view to receiving the advice and consent of that body to its ratification, a treaty between the United States and Nicaragua looking to the advancement of the cause of general peace, signed at Washington on December 17, 1913.

Respectfully submitted.

W. J. BRYAN.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, July 23, 1914.

The United States of America and the Republic of Nicaragua, being desirous to strengthen the bonds of amity that bind them together and also to advance the cause of general peace, have resolved to enter into a treaty for that purpose and to that end have appointed as their plenipotentiaries:

The President of the United States, the Honorable William Jennings Bryan, Secretary of State; and

The President of Nicaragua, Señor General Don Emiliano Chamorro, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of Nicaragua to the United States;

Who, after having communicated to each other their respective full powers, found to be in proper form, have agreed upon the following articles:

ARTICLE I.

The high contracting parties agree that all disputes between them, of every nature whatsoever, which diplomacy shall fail to adjust, shall be submitted for investigation and report to an International Commission, to be constituted in the manner prescribed in the next succeeding Article; and they agree not to declare war or begin hostilities during such investigation and report.

ARTICLE II.

The International Commission shall be composed of five members, to be appointed as follows: One member shall be chosen from each country, by the Government thereof; one member shall be chosen by each Government from some third country; the fifth member shall be chosen by common agreement between the two Governments. The expenses of the Commission shall be paid by the two Governments in equal proportion.

The International Commission shall be appointed within four months after the exchange of the ratifications of this treaty; and vacancies shall be filled according to the manner of the original appointment.

ARTICLE III.

In case the high contracting parties shall have failed to adjust a dispute by diplomatic methods, they shall at once refer it to the International Commission for investigation and report. The International Commission may, however, act upon its own initiative, and in such case it shall notify both Governments and request their cooperation in the investigation.

The report of the International Commission shall be completed within one year after the date on which it shall declare its investigation to have begun, unless the high contracting parties shall extend the time by mutual agreement. The report shall be prepared in triplicate; one copy shall be presented to each Government, and the third retained by the Commission for its files.

The high contracting parties reserve the right to act independently on the subject-matter of the dispute after the report of the Commission shall have been submitted.

Article IV.

Pending the investigation and report of the International Commission, the high contracting parties agree not to increase their military or naval programs, unless danger from a third power should compel such increase, in which case the party feeling itself menaced shall confidentially communicate the fact in writing to the other contracting party, whereupon the latter shall also be released from its obligation to maintain its military and naval status quo.

Article V.

The present treaty shall be ratified by the President of the United States of America, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate thereof; and by the Congress of the Republic of Nicaragua; and the ratifications shall be exchanged as soon as possible. It shall take effect immediately after the exchange of ratifications, and shall continue in force for a period of five years; and it shall thereafter remain in force until twelve months after one of the high contracting parties have given notice to the other of an intention to terminate it.

In witness whereof the respective plenipotentiaries have signed the present treaty and have affixed thereunto their seals.

Done in Washington on the 17th day of December, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and thirteen.

[SEAL.] William Jennings Bryan.
[SEAL.] Emiliano Chamorro.

PAT. JAN. 21, 1908